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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment - Wastewater Treatment Facilities - Notice of Discharges**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to impose certain
4 additional conditions relating to certain notice requirements on certain publicly
5 owned treatment works discharge permits; defining certain terms; and
6 generally relating to providing notice to the public of discharges from
7 wastewater treatment facilities.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Environment
10 Section 9-301
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

13 BY adding to
14 Article - Environment
15 Section 9-326(c)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

1 **Article - Environment**

2 9-301.

3 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

4 (b) "Board" means the Water Science Advisory Board.

5 (c) "COMBINED SEWER SYSTEM" MEANS A WASTEWATER COLLECTION
6 SYSTEM DESIGNED TO CARRY SANITARY SEWAGE AND STORMWATER IN A SINGLE
7 PIPE TO A TREATMENT FACILITY.8 (D) "Discharge permit" means a permit issued by the Department for the
9 discharge of any pollutant or combination of pollutants into the waters of this State.10 [(d)] (E) "Person" includes the federal government, this State, any county,
11 municipal corporation, or other political subdivision of this State, or any of their
12 units.13 (F) "POINT OF DISCHARGE" MEANS THAT LOCATION IN OR ADJACENT TO A
14 BODY OF WATER AT WHICH ANY MIXTURE OF LIQUID AND OTHER MATERIALS IS
15 DISCHARGED OR DEPOSITED.16 [(e)] (G) "Sewage" means any human or animal excretion, domestic waste, or
17 industrial waste.

18 [(f)] (H) (1) "Sewerage system" means:

19 (i) The channels used or intended to be used to collect and dispose
20 of sewage; and21 (ii) Any structure and appurtenance used or intended to be used to
22 collect or prepare sewage for discharge into the waters of this State.

23 (2) "Sewerage system" includes any sewer of any size.

24 (3) "Sewerage system" does not include the plumbing system inside any
25 building served by the sewerage system.

26 9-326.

27 (C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IMPOSE AS A CONDITION FOR ALL
28 PUBLICLY OWNED TREATMENT WORKS DISCHARGE PERMITS THAT THE PERMIT
29 HOLDER POST PERMANENT SIGNAGE THAT INCLUDES:

30 (I) THE NAME OF THE PERMITTED FACILITY;

31 (II) THE PERMIT NUMBER;

32 (III) THE POINTS OF DISCHARGE OR OUTFALL NUMBER; AND

1 (IV) A WARNING REGARDING THE NATURE OF THE DISCHARGE.

2 (2) THE WARNING REQUIRED BY SUBPARAGRAPH (C)(1)(IV) OF THIS
3 SECTION SHALL STATE:

4 (I) FOR A PUBLICLY OWNED WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY,
5 "NOTICE - THIS IS A WASTEWATER DISCHARGE POINT";

6 (II) FOR A COMBINED SEWER SYSTEM, "WARNING - THIS IS A
7 COMBINED STORMWATER SEWAGE OUTFALL"; AND

8 (III) FOR A WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM THAT HAS A
9 DESIGNED, PERMANENT OVERFLOW POINT PRIOR TO REACHING A TREATMENT
10 PLANT, "WARNING - THIS IS A SANITARY SEWAGE OVERFLOW DISCHARGE POINT".

11 (3) THE SIGNAGE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE
12 POSTED AT EACH:

13 (I) POINT OF DISCHARGE; AND

14 (II) POINT AT WHICH THE DISCHARGE ENTERS INTO OR ONTO
15 PROPERTY NOT OWNED BY THE PERMIT HOLDER, IF DIFFERENT FROM THE POINT OF
16 DISCHARGE.

17 (4) THE SIGNAGE SHALL BE:

18 (I) AT LEAST 3 FEET ABOVE GROUND LEVEL; AND

19 (II) CLEARLY VISIBLE TO PERSONS ON THE ADJOINING PROPERTY
20 AND WATERS.

21 (5) THE LETTERING ON THE SIGNAGE SHALL CONFORM TO THE
22 FOLLOWING SIZE REQUIREMENTS:

23 (I) THE WORDS "NOTICE" AND "WARNING" SHALL BE AT LEAST 3
24 INCHES TALL; AND

25 (II) THE REMAINING WORDS SHALL BE AT LEAST 2 1/4 INCHES
26 TALL.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 October 1, 2002.

